

Casinos Are Coming to Greenbelt D. Trumpe Plans Applauded

by Camden Yard

City officials were stunned to learn of massive manipulations taking place in the halls of the Maryland State House that will bring slots to Greenbelt. The rapidly assembled package will bring gambling to the city in the largest casino expected to be built on the east coast, at least two new hotels, a tournament golf course around a 500-acre lake and a heliport. Because Greenbelt will benefit from a huge increase in tax revenues resulting from the increased assessments on new construction and from its collection of the hotel-motel tax, city officials have leaped on the bandwagon of supporters for the legislation.

What has caused this rapid chain of events is the entrance into Maryland of famous land developer and casino owner Donald Trumpe. According to

Senator Paul Pilsky, a new convert to Maryland gambling, Trumpe considers Greenbelt the hottest real estate market on the east coast.

Apparently Trumpe had been working for months behind the scenes putting together a deal. The casino will be built on a five-acre vacant parcel located next to the Federal Courthouse on Ivy Lane. It will have over 5,000 one-armed bandits.

What makes this development possible, according to Governor Herbert Ehrlich, is the agreement he pushed through the Busch administration to surplus 1,000 acres of adjacent Beltsville Agricultural Research Administration land currently not used for agricultural research purposes. The land will be sold to Trumpe at \$1 an acre, as it is mostly swampland. Ehrlich says the

state will contribute its recently acquired wetlands forest located between Springhill Lake and Metroland to the Trumpe package.

Trumpe envisions the adjacent swampland and floodplain to be drained by forming a scenic lake. Much of the reclaimed land will be used for parking lots for casino users. As a concession to city council concerns to keep Greenbelt green, Trumpe will use green asphalt in the lots.

The 36-hole championship course will be located along the shores of the lake, to be named in honor of President Busch. Mayor Judith Davis applauded the name choice saying that it will be nice to have something named after a president other than Roosevelt.

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Proposed 3 in 1 Facility Will Solve Greenbelt's Dire Fiscal Problems

by Snoopy Dog

City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposed an innovative solution to the city's shortage of funds to pay for the cost of three building projects previously approved by the city council but delayed because of lack of resources. By combining restrooms at Buddy Attick Park, a skateboard park and an animal shelter into one facility, McLaughlin believes the city will have sufficient cash on hand to complete all three projects. This proposal will be presented as part of the new budget McLaughlin will submit to the council this week.

The design will provide for two parallel buildings joined together by a wave-like roof form-

ing a trench between the buildings for skateboard use. One building will contain a women's rest room and kennels for female dogs; the other, toilets for men and kennels for male dogs. Cats will be housed in cages on the women's side and birds and exotic species will be kept in cages on the men's side.

For the Birds

Animal Warden Susie Hale says this arrangement will be ideal for the incarcerated animals. "The city cannot provide animal shelter attendants 24/7. Lost pets can be very lonely without human contact," she explained. "This way, the animals, separated for their protection by a meshed wire wall, will be able

to see and greet the many park users expected to use the toilets." Also, she believes sharing a room with the animals will give park users who need to use the facilities added enjoyment.

Jock McNulty, director of recreation facilities, is also pleased with the new proposal. With this plan, he notes, the skateboard park will be much larger and it will enable the youth of Greenbelt to not only mix with other generations who will be using the toilets, but with the city's dogs and cats as well. "This facility will truly become a multi-generational facility offering opportunities to all races, creeds and species," he opined.

GHI Adopts Official Colors

Based on the policy governing official fence colors of brown and green, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors voted today to extend the color code to indoor paper supplies. Beginning April 1, the new rule requires members to use green or brown recycled paper goods for all purposes. "We hope all members will join this effort enthusiastically," Gritchen Overdunn told the News Review. "Clean, unused paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and other household paper products in nonconforming colors can be put to good use at the city's monthly Donation Drop-off," she added. Members are expected to make the transition by April 15.

Note to Advertisers

The News Review is initiating a new minimum advertising rate and minimum ad size. All new ads, including classified ads, must be no smaller than 2 columns by 3 inches beginning April 1.

Greenbelt Museum to Enter Lucrative Wedding Market

by Sandra Lange

The Greenbelt Museum announced today that it is taking applications for small weddings to be held at the historic house museum, 10-B Crescent Road. The museum's fundraising committee is seeking to match the \$100,000 grant recently awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The museum has three years to raise the matching funds. "Other local house museums rent out their space for weddings," noted curator Katie Scott-Childs, "There is an attractive niche market for people who want an intimate wedding at an historic site," she added. "And our prices will be very competitive with Martin's Crosswinds or the Marriott Hotel."

"Wedding parties consisting of five to 10 people can be easily accommodated at the Greenbelt

Museum," she noted. "However, the guests will have to stand because no one is permitted to sit on the chairs which are historic artifacts."

"Larger wedding parties of 25 to 50 people can be held in the garden," Scott-Childs declared. "Guests can be seated in the garden provided they bring their own chairs." For an additional fee, the museum will install an inflatable wedding chapel to keep the bridal couple dry in case of rain.

While all Greenbelt residents may apply to rent the museum, Scott-Childs stated that offspring of pioneer families would have first preference. She is encouraging anyone who is contemplating marriage in the next three years to call the museum to confirm rental dates.

Pet Clinic

The City of Greenbelt will sponsor a clinic for the spading of dogs and cats. Those wishing to participate should bring their own spades.

Topless Dancers to Perform At New Deal Café Soon

In a controversial and contentious meeting, the board of directors of the New Deal Café voted last night to approve topless dancing at the café on weekends. Board member Andy Rivers stated that he could not understand why some members wanted to change the atmosphere from funky family entertainment to real raunchy. Board member Wendy Ball replied that there was a natural progression from the bare belly dancing being held most weekends to the proposed topless dancing. "Everything will be tasteful, however," she noted.

Some members were fearful as to what this decision could lead to. Would the center bums now congregate at the café? Would the café attract an undesirable clientele from outside Greenbelt? Would

the video store owner now incorporate check cashing as part of his business? Would the Old Greenbelt Theatre show X-rated films? Would the Co-op apply for a permit to sell hard liquor?

The majority of the café board, however, saw the opportunity to increase revenues, pay off all their debts and obtain the commercial kitchen equipment they longed to purchase. "This decision could be the shot in the arm that we have needed to turn the corner on profitability," café manager Ellen Steel declared.

Notwithstanding the café's board vote, the Greenbelt City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on the issue. The café membership may also weigh in with their opinions on the subject.

LATE FLASH!

City Council will consider speed bumps and traffic circles on Crescent Road at tonight's meeting.

What Goes On

Tuesday, March 30

7 a.m., Public Hearing on Roosevelt Closure. Starbucks catering.

Wednesday, March 31

7:30 p.m., Worksession to Amend Standing Rules to Permit Sitting

Thursday, April 1 – The pool will be closed for lead removal. 7 p.m., GHI Dog Inspections (Next week - Cat Inspections.)

A "Cutting Edge" Solution For Springhill Lake's Future

AIMCO, owners of the 3,000 unit Springhill Lake Apartments, has reversed its decision to tear down, redesign and rebuild on their property with 4,500 upscale housing units. "Our aim has to be to make money for our investors," Tarum Down, vice president of finance, said. "How can we assure our stockholders that even with hiring the best planner and spending half a billion dollars we will be successful?"

When the Greenbelt City Council greeted their plans with enthusiasm, AIMCO went back to the drawing board, with their bottom line more firmly in mind. Repairing the failing heating and plumbing in the old buildings was not workable. Selling the

property with all its problems was not an option. Pin Oaks, their environmental engineer, pointed out that air pollution from the Beltway, Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road has become intolerable. At this point Oaks suggested creating a forest preserve. "We have to tear down the old buildings anyway; why go to the added expense of new construction? The Anacostia Watershed and the CCRIC people will come in for free and plant their trees. That's the best deal and easy on the bottom line. In six years we can walk away, proud of our achievement. We might even get an award." President Everett Green was flabbergasted, "That's the new cutting edge!"

APRIL FOOL!

***Hope you enjoyed some good
laughs compliments of the
Greenbelt News Review.***

***We couldn't resist the
opportunity to make
fun of ourselves . . .***

***April 1 doesn't often fall
on a Thursday!***

Concerns Raised Over Proposed Greenbelt Station/City Agreement

by Sandy Smith

After five years, 42 meetings, countless discussions, debates and a few court cases, there’s now a proposed agreement on the table for a settlement between Metroland LLC and Associates, the developer, and the city which could result in the city’s dismissal of its current appeals, argued in early March in the Court of Special Appeals. These appeals dealt with the manner in which the concept plan and the preliminary plan for development of Greenbelt Station were approved. The draft agreement was presented by Celia Craze, planning and community development director, at the March 29 Greenbelt City Council meeting.

Her presentation and a presentation by Danny Colton of Metroland was followed by several hours of discussion and questions from council and the audience about the agreement provisions. Further action on the agreement was deferred to a special meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 8 p.m., to allow further comment from citizens and all inter-

ested parties.

Scope

The agreement, if approved, will settle the city’s judicial appeal opposing the approval of plans for development at Greenbelt Station. City Attorney Robert Manzi, who was asked to comment frequently on what the agreement does and does not do, said that it only addresses the items in the agreement and does not prohibit the city from taking positions on any future action, including the construction of a beltway interchange, a highly debated aspect of the plan. While the agreement does establish some common ground, it was stressed that the city still has the right to review, critique, support, oppose or take any action it deems appropriate as the development moves forward.

Major Provisions

The agreement addresses a number of oft-stated city requirements and interests, which Craze highlighted. The draft agreement provides for a reduction in the total development density. While the agreement indicates

an increase of about 400 residential units, this increase is offset by a significant reduction in retail and office space and elimination from the plan of one hotel.

Another key city interest was protection of the wetlands and preserving open space. The developer has agreed to replace the 4.6 acres of nonfunctioning wetlands elsewhere on the site and will increase the open space dedication by 4.6 acres.

Transportation is addressed in the agreement. The developer agrees to establish a tram service to connect the north and south core portions of the development. The developer also agrees to explore off-site service to Beltway Plaza, old Greenbelt and nearby apartments, as well as to work with the Prince George’s Department of Public Works and Transportation on a “next bus” system for the shuttle. Next bus uses GPS and electronic bus stop signs to alert riders when the next bus is coming.

Councilmember Konrad

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Manager's Budget is Balanced By Reassessment, Rate Increase

by James Giese

The budget for the city fiscal year beginning July 1 will increase 4.1 percent but city property owners will get a property tax increase from the city of 12.3 percent if the proposed budget submitted by City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin is adopted intact by the Greenbelt City Council. McLaughlin formally submitted his proposed budget at the March 29 regular council meeting. The city council will have until June 10 to review the budget in detail and has already scheduled numerous budget work sessions with the first one having been held on March 31. If coun-

cil follows the lead of past councils, the manager’s budget will be modified somewhat and total proposed expenditures will exceed the amount proposed by the manager.

Reassessment

This year Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation assessors reassessed all property within Greenbelt, something that is done every three years. Since the last reassessment property values in Greenbelt have skyrocketed and most properties have significantly increased in value. State law requires such assessment increases to be

phased in over the next three years. McLaughlin estimates a 10.7 percent increase in city property assessments for the new fiscal year and similar increases for the next two years and possibly for the three following years as well.

A property owner who has received an average reassessment will pay 10.7 percent more in property taxes for the new year unless the city and other jurisdictions levying property taxes reduce their tax rates. McLaughlin does not propose a tax rate reduction. Instead, he proposes a one-cent rate increase to bring the city real property tax rate to 70.6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. A home or condo that had been appraised at \$150,000 before this year’s reassessment would, if it had received an average reassessment, now be assessed at \$166,087 by the state and be subject to a city tax of \$1,173, if McLaughlin’s proposal is adopted, as compared to \$1,044 in taxes levied for this year, an increase of \$129. The penny increase in the tax rate proposed will cost the owner of that property \$17 of the \$129. That property is also subject to a variety of other taxes to be levied by other governmental jurisdictions.

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Hornsby Addresses ACE On Future of High Schools

by Bay Woods

Andre Hornsby, CEO of Prince George’s County schools, met with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) on Tuesday March 23. Hornsby presented demographic information supporting his decision to recommend that the school board construct an addition to DuVal High school, instead of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The addition in question will be one of six proposed additions. The additions will open up 3,600 seats to Prince George’s County Public Schools.

Eva Griffin, chairperson of ACE, opened the meeting with a request to make the meeting civil and respectful. Despite obvious disagreements with which the meeting opened, it closed in what Griffin said may not be consensus, but at least partial agreement.

Members of the advisory

committee wanted to know why the addition was no longer going to be built at Roosevelt and how this change would affect the community. Hornsby insisted that the addition had never been promised to Roosevelt. Rather, it had been projected that ERHS would need the addition. Hornsby explained the changes with a detailed presentation of the demographic research he had collected.

Demographics

Hornsby had a private demographer (Grier Partnership) conduct research regarding current and future population trends within the county. Hornsby had the demographic studies conducted in order to insure that the facilities would be constructed at the locations which would be best for the entire county. The

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Theater Renovation Cost Exceeds First Estimate

by Virginia Beauchamp

Is there already a fire wall between the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the drycleaning establishment next door, or must one be constructed? Such still-unanswered questions concerning inner secrets of the old building mean that an initial costing of possible renovations to the 1937-era theater structure can only be “guesstimates.” This was the message of Melissa Cohen of the firm of GTM Architects when she met with the Greenbelt City Council at a worksession concerning the theater renovation on March 22. In the absence of Mayor Judith Davis the meeting was chaired by Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts.

Until schematic drawings and a detailed analysis can be made, only “general budget pricing” is available, Cohen said – some-

times in the form of a range of prices. In any case, the total comes to more than double the \$250,000 originally estimated, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported.

Although higher than the city’s earlier estimate for the bond issue referendum, McLaughlin said, other changes in planning for capital improvements may make it possible to shift monies around. In particular AIMCO’s plans for redevelopment of Springhill Lake, as reported earlier, may have taken off the table the city’s previous plans for expansion there of the recreation center.

Priorities

For purposes of the worksession the city’s Community Planner Kristen Ward had

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Postal Site May Be Sold; Retail Kept in City Center

In what appears to be a stunning reversal of years of progress toward creation of a second post office facility in Greenbelt, U.S. Postal Service official, Jack Gustaffson, has told City Manager Michael McLaughlin, that the newly acquired Ora Glen site for a new post office east of Hanover Parkway will likely be sold. In a March 22 memorandum to the Greenbelt City Council, McLaughlin reported that Post Office “administrators feel the Greenbelt area does not justify there being two retail centers so close together.”

Instead, the postal service will probably seek a second site

which would be used for carriers and distribution only that would be less expensive. All direct public service would continue to be provided at the current Roosevelt Center facility.

McLaughlin stated in the same memorandum that he told Gustaffson “it was not clear in my mind that this would be the preferred approach” from the point of view of the city. McLaughlin asked that a public meeting with local postal officials be set up. Gustaffson agreed to deliver the city’s request to postal service administrators.

What Goes On

Saturday, April 3

9 a.m. to noon, Recycling and Environment Committee Lake Park Cleanup, Buddy Attick Park
Also Springhill Lake Stream, meet behind SHL Recreation Center

Sunday, April 4

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Tuesday, April 6

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center Art Gallery

Wednesday, April 7

8 p.m., Special Meeting of City Council – Proposed Settlement Agreement with Metroland, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Thursday, April 8

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession Planning and Community Development/Capital Projects, Community Center

April Fool

This week we are presenting the eighth April Fool issue in the history of the Greenbelt News Review. Readers who are just a mite tired of development issues, public hearings, annexations and petitions may welcome the chance to relax and chuckle over the lighter side of our burning issues. Then again, they may find the news articles on the real page one to be equally worthy of being on the April Fool page!

Judy Bell, Eileen Farnham, James Giese, Marjorie Gray, Sandra Lange, (and husband David), Barbara Likowski, Pat McCoy, Marat Moore, Alice Murray, Eileen Simon, Nell Sydavar and Mary Lou Williamson wrote, edited and typed the stories. James Giese and Marat Moore provided the camera magic although Giese's "Nessie" was later deep-sixed (in the lake) and Moore's "Meat Fight at the Co-op" has become a straight news story.

WSSC Sets Schedule For Lead Testing

by Mary Moien

Working in concert with the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) and the Prince George's County Health Department, the Prince George's County Public Schools began testing for lead in water fixtures in schools on March 16. More than 40 schools have been tested to date. Springhill Lake Elementary School, officially scheduled for testing on March 23, when time ran out, will now be tested next week.

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New Bus Acquired By City from County

The City of Greenbelt will receive a replacement vehicle for the Call-A-Bus service, according to a letter from Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation Director Betty Hager Francis.

The new bus has been inspected, striped, outfitted and lettered with the City of Greenbelt name. Arrangements will be made in the near future for delivery.

A request had been made by the city for the bus through a Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance grant.

Letters to the Editor

Testing Water Is Just the Beginning

I applaud the City Manager's requesting that WSSC test water in Greenbelt for possible lead contamination (News Review, March 25).

But what about the bottom line test – Greenbelt children's blood levels? Not only can children in the historic area of Greenbelt possibly be contaminated by lead in drinking water, but also by lead from other sources in the home and soil.

Years ago, I interviewed a lead expert extensively as part of my job in science reporting. As a result of what I learned, if I had children young enough to be particularly vulnerable to lead poisoning and I lived in the historic part of Greenbelt, I would immediately have them tested for possible lead poisoning. We now know there are two possible sources for such contamination – the water pipes and the rest of the children's environment.

The Prince George's County health department years ago had an exhibit in the Greenbelt library of places in the county at risk for lead contamination in the soil and home. The historic section of Greenbelt was highlighted because of its age.

Lead just doesn't go away. So all the airborne lead from the leaded gasoline burned in cars on the B-W Parkway and Beltway before leaded gas was banned is still wherever it fell. If there is lead paint under your layers of paint, every time you open a window, for example, you can raise some lead dust.

Fortunately, the cures for lead in soils are the same as good gardening practices – don't leave soil bare. Also, experiments indicate a compost mulch could bind the lead so it passes through children who eat soil, rather than entering their bloodstream.

Perhaps the City Manager and all Greenbelters should also ask the state to include lead in the University of Maryland's soil testing, which is done for under \$10, the last time I checked. The University of D.C. does this. Unless things have changed

since then, Greenbelters have to pay private firms an exorbitant fee to test for lead in their soils.

On March 13, the Washington Post reported that six of the 11 D.C. children with excessive blood levels of lead lived in homes that did not have lead pipes. The article stated: "But it isn't clear yet whether the 11 children were exposed to lead from their faucets. It may turn out that they swallowed chips or dust from aging lead-based paint or soil tainted long ago by air pollution from leaded gasoline," officials said.

I don't know about lead from faucets, but what I do know is that the historic section of Greenbelt has about an equal chance as D.C. of exposing their children to those other sources of lead.

Don Comis

THANKS

I would like to commend you for the timely coverage you provided to Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, Inc. and Ladies Auxiliary during our 49th annual banquet and awards ceremony. The feature article accompanying the nice array of photographs was greatly appreciated by our membership and we have received numerous compliments as well.

I think it is important for the citizens of Greenbelt to realize how much dedication our membership devotes to the cause of making us a great organization, which transcends toward providing excellent fire and rescue protection to this great community.

Thank you.

Jay A. Remenick
President,
G.V.F.D.R.S.

Correction

When presenting the lists of those members of Fire Department and Rescue Squad who received recognition at the banquet, this newspaper misspelled the name of John (Bigger) Daffron. A lieutenant line officer, Daffron was number eight among "runners" for riding on 300 trips last year.

The Old Curmudgeon



"My wife won't let me drink the water . . ."

Greenbriar Elects Four New Boards

The results of the March elections held at Greenbriar for Phases I, II, III and the Greenbriar Community Association are as follows:

Greenbriar Phase I: Lawrence Noda, president; Dorothy Peck, vice president; LaVerne Smith, secretary; Nancy Waruch, treasurer; and Anne Chestnut, director.

Greenbriar Phase II: Arlene Shpiegelman, president; Jackie Gray, 1st vice president; Kathleen McTiernan, 2nd vice president; Edward Dickerson, secretary; and Gary Thomas, treasurer.

Greenbriar Phase III: Anne Weldon, president; Angeline Butler, vice president; Rosemarie Culmone, secretary; Jacqueline

Hair, treasurer; and Fran Ritter, director.

Greenbriar Community Association: Barbara Smith, president; Nancy Waruch, vice president; Gary Thomas, secretary; Angeline Butler, treasurer; and Russell Vick, director.

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On Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m. “Explorations Unlimited” will host a presentation by Sondra Holland, arts educator, a new-comer to Greenbelt. Holland will discuss her travels to the East. She was the United States delegate for the Citizen Ambassador Programs. Holland was a participant on the first peace delegation to open up the “Old Silk Road” and recently attended a Buddhist pilgrimage/retreat. Sharing artistic feelings and guiding attendees through the countries of mainland China, Khazikstan, Nepal and Bhutan will be a highlight of her talk. These countries will be felt via visual arts, photography, meditation and creative movement. Wear comfortable clothing.

“A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent upon arriving. A good artist lets his intuition lead him wherever it wants. A good scientist has freed himself of concepts and keeps his mind open to what is.” – Tao te Ching; 551-479 B.C.E.

“Explorations Unlimited” is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Annual Egg Hunt At Lake Park

Greenbelt's Annual Egg Hunt will be held in Buddy Attick Lake Park at 10 a.m. (sharp!) on Monday, April 12. Children 18 months through sixth grade should bring a basket to collect colored eggs the bunny has left. Among the eggs will be a few special ones containing prizes. Immediately following the hunt, there will be a special performance.



Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The meeting on March 24 was presided over by President Ellie Rimar.

Jackie Curley, Greenbelt Police Department, spoke on the availability of cell phones for 911 emergency calls only. This is a subject of interest to many seniors and she helped answer questions. These phones are there for victims of domestic violence and seniors for 911 calls only.

The 50/50 winners were Bill Souser and Lillian Greenbaum.

The Travel Committee has been busy. They are planning a trip to the West End Theater on Sunday, May 23 to see “Crazy for You” and to Hershey, Pa. on June 17. The roses should be beautiful at that time. Then a trip to Atlantic City in August is planned.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Jim Down. Our condolences to Betty and family.

April 14 is the deadline to sign up for the anniversary luncheon at La Fontaine Bleu on April 21. If you need a ride let us know.

Bench Dedication Set for Sunday

Greenbelt High School (GHS) alumni will dedicate a tree and bench at the Greenbelt Community Center (Old Center School) on Sunday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. The dedication will follow the GHS bi-monthly breakfast at the Greenbelt American Legion at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

Greenbriar Bus Trip To Caesar’s Casino

The Greenbriar Community Association is seeking 54 individuals to participate in a bus trip to Caesar’s Casino in Atlantic city, New Jersey. Metro Tours and Travel will provide a deluxe motor coach to depart from the Greenbriar Community Building parking lot at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

The Greenbriar Community Association plans to make the bus trip to the casino entertaining in itself: movies will be shown, light breakfast will be served, a raffle held and door prizes awarded.

There is a fee for this event; to reserve a seat payment must be brought to the Greenbriar management office beginning on Thursday, April 1. Tickets may not be reserved by phone. Tickets are nonrefundable. Caesar’s Casino will give each passenger a \$16.00 casino bonus. Caesar’s also has multiple dining options.

For information call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096.

Easter Egg Hunt In Greenbriar Apr. 10

Children age 12 and under are invited to celebrate Easter with Greenbriar Condominiums at 7600 Hanover Parkway on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. There is a minimal fee for this event.

Children will gather in Greenbriar’s Terrace Room to craft Easter bags before heading outside to hunt for eggs to fill the bags. Refreshments will be served and no child will leave empty handed. A special guest is scheduled to hop by for the festivities – don’t forget a camera. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Children don’t have to live in Greenbriar Condominiums to join in the fun, but they do have to register in advance. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 to register children by Thursday, April 8.

Lake Cleanup Sat.

The City of Greenbelt will sponsor a Potomac Watershed clean-up at Greenbelt Lake (Buddy Attick Park) and Springhill Lake on Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the City office at 301-474-8000 or check Greenbelt City Link at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>.

Mamas, Papas Meet

The Greenbelt Mamas & Papas will meet Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the playground across from the library, weather permitting. (In the case of inclement weather, meet in the Community Center.) Meet other local parents while children play. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at annegr@gmail.com or 301-220-1721.

Indian Creek Cleanup Day

The Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) are sponsoring an Indian Creek Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cleanup will be held at two locations this year. One is on Harry Ballew Ave., Berwyn Heights, between the MARC parking lot and Lake Artemesia. This will be the best site to bring any small children.

The second site will be the cement mountain on the property the State of Maryland bought near the Greenbelt Metro Station on Cherrywood Lane.

For both sites, participants should come dressed to get wet and dirty. CCRIC will supply bags, gloves and refreshments.

To get involved contact Zelda Bell at 301-345-7685 or email at zeldabell@erols.com. More information can also be found at www.PotomacCleanup.org.

GHI Notes

Pre-purchase Orientation, April 5 at 7:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Nominations & Elections Committee meeting, April 8, 7 p.m., Conference Room.

Board of Directors meeting, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room.

Woodlands Seminar on Plant ID, April 10, 9 to 11 a.m., in the Board Room.

Volunteers to Help At New Deal Café

The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is planning up to 22 events this year.

Seven are music festivals, 12 are art exhibits, and three are art events. FONDCA also plans to have at least four fund raisers in the next seven months to help pay for these events. To justify requests for grants from the city, county and state, FONDCA needs to show it is able to raise at least half the funds itself.

FONDCA needs volunteers for its many activities. People are needed to help with rummage sales, food booths, art happenings, music concerts and special events, like the members dance party and New Years. People with interests or skills such as writing press releases, building stages, hanging art, or sales are currently needed. For those who are not sure what to do, there are plenty of opportunities to jump in and be part of the team.

Let FONDCA know what activities volunteers wish to do.

Here are some examples of what is coming up: April 17, the Crazy Quilt Music Festival in Roosevelt Center; April 24, the Spring Rummage Sale; June 5, Folk and Blues Festival at Roosevelt Center. Volunteers should pick their events of interest and contact FONDCA.

Free Car Wash At Legion Hall

Berwyn Baptist Church is offering a free car wash on Saturday, April 3 at the American Legion on Greenbelt Road (Post 136). The church will be washing cars for the community from noon until 3 p.m.

Donations are not accepted. Instead, come enjoy the Easter Musical at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday.

City Notes

The week of March 27 the Strengthening Families Program at Springhill Lake Elementary began. Nine families are participating in the 14-week program. Participants learn parenting skills, including ways to increase children’s positive behaviors. Children learn pro-social skills and problem solving strategies.

Public Works

The week of March 27 the streets crew flagged for traffic control at the construction site for the new circle on Hanover Parkway and back-filled and sodded the islands. The crew also began putting 110 bales of barley straw in the lake for algae control and began spreading milled asphalt on the path at Schrom Hills Park.

The facilities maintenance crew finished repairs to pathway lights near the library.

The cleaning crew refinished the second floor corridor in the 1937 wing of the Community Center.

The pansies are now in full bloom since the horticulture crew removed winter covers from around landscaped beds around the city. They also weeded landscaped areas in Schrom Hills Park, along Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road.

The parks crew installed the sliding board and filled the area with wood carpet in the playground at 2 Court Gardenway and repaired bleachers at Braden Field.

Recreation Dept.

Plans for “Celebration of Spring” are set. “Celebration of Spring” will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and run in connection with Earth Day and Public Works Day on Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer camp registration is ongoing for both residents and non-residents. The fourth session of “Operation Branch Out” is already full and a waiting list has been started.

Aquatic/Fitness Center

The body composition ana-

lyzer was put into operation this week. The machine was donated to the facility from the Swales Aerospace Corporation of Beltsville. Tests will be free of charge and administered by fitness attendants on duty.

Advertising signs were placed in front of the Aquatic and Fitness Center about the employment of guards, managers and swim instructors. Staff still is having difficulty filling open shifts.

Community Center

Another part-time center leader resigned this week, the second center leader to leave in as many weeks. Staff interviewed and hired a new center leader to replace the two who resigned.

Soccer Notes

Greenbelt’s 7 and Under Soccer Team won their game Saturday March 27 against Clinton 5-0. Greenbelt goals were made by Jalen Grant, Talbot Layne and two goals by Pablo Ruiz. Goalie Christopher Sherman and teammates Seth and Daniel Newkirk, Micah Alexander, Eric Johnson, Michael Stevens and Antonio Zambrana kept Clinton from scoring in the game.

The team is now 2 wins and 1 loss for the season. Their next game is this Saturday April 3 against Hyattsville at Magruder Park, Hyattsville at 1:30 p.m.

Girls Lose

Greenbelt’s 10 and under girls soccer team #2 lost their game Saturday March 27 against Oxon Hill 0-2. The team played hard and tough, but just couldn’t get through Oxon Hill’s tough defense. Goalies Ashlie Sower, Shonte Moten and Aubrey Gonzalez defended and kept out numerous goal attempts along with Claire Morse, Amritha and Priyanka Jayanti, Phoebe McFarb, Rachel Dwivedi and Danielle Sherman.

The team’s overall record is 1 win, 1 loss and 1 bye. Their next game is this Saturday April 3 against Greenbelt #1 at Schrom Hills Park at 9 a.m.



Egg Hunt for Kids


Alleluia Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 3
11:00 a.m.

Egg hunt, games and activities to celebrate the Christian Holy Day

Ages 2 -12 years, Parents Welcome!

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Corner of Crescent & Greenhill Roads
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GREENBELT HOMES INC. COMMUNITY THE COOPERATIVE

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
BOARD MEETING FOR
APRIL 8, 2004
GHI BOARD ROOM
7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Request for Shed Installation – 14T Laurel Hill Road
- Site Lighting
- Spring Concrete Contract – 2nd Reading
- Community Beautification Program – 2004 – 2nd Reading
- Management Audit

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Obituaries

Donna Jean Hardman

Donna Jean Hardman, 60, died of cancer on Monday, March 29, 2004.

A longtime resident of Greenbelt, she was born in Grantsville, W.Va., the daughter of E. Don and Lucretia Yoak. In 1977 she was in a severe automobile accident and spent time in rehabilitation.

When she returned to Greenbelt she became secretary to Abe Chasenow and later worked at Nyman Realty. After working in real estate for awhile she became legal secretary to Bill Edwards, from which job she retired on disability.

A member of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, she played the organ there for over 20 years. She and her daughter Courtney sang duets at the church.

She is survived by her parents E. Don and Lucretia Yoak of Grantsville, W. Va.; daughter Courtney Hardman, sons Barry Von Perkins and Larry Don Perkins; grandchildren Erica, Sophia, Toni, Trudy, Kevin, Terry, Jr. and Kristen; great-grandchildren Lonnie and Cole; and a host of relatives and friends.

A funeral was held at Mowatt Memorial Church on March 31, 2004. Burial was at Eventide Cemetery in her hometown of Spencer, W. Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to a memorial fund in her name at Mowatt Memorial Church.

Relatives and friends who would like to speak with Courtney Hardman may call her at 301-731-0455.



active in community affairs and various civic activities.

They were founding members of the Jewish Community Center, which subsequently became known as Mishkan Torah. In fact, David Fisher was president of the JCC in 1951-52 when the congregation decided to build its synagogue on its present site. He was one of the prime movers in making that decision.

Both Ethel and David were active members of GCS, the food co-op. Both helped organize the housing co-op that eventually became Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) and bought the original Greenbelt homes from the federal government. Ethel was on the original paid staff of GHI and became one of the earliest retirees from that organization. She was also an active member of Na'amat USA, an organization of Jewish women devoted to charitable causes.

In 1972, the Fishers moved to Israel, where they resided for the next 20 years. They moved back to the States in the early 1990s and resided in College Park until they moved to Amherst.

Ethel is survived by David, her husband of 68 years, a son Shalom Fisher of Greenbelt; daughters Lee Fisher of New York City and Rebecca Fisher of Amherst, Mass., a sister Jessie Ludwig of Alameda,

Calif., a brother Harry Zubkoff of Silver Spring; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were held on Thursday, March 25, 2004 in Amherst.

William B. Yates

William B. Yates, who taught for years at North End Elementary School, died on March 28, 2004 at his home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. During the 1950s and 1960s he was also night manager at the Student Union Building at the University of Maryland.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jeannette Gowans Yates; a son, Steven; and daughter, Margie.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to: Hospice Care of SE Florida, Inc., 309 SE 18th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

James W. Down, Jr.

James W. Down, Jr., 87, died March 21, 2004 at Doctors Hospital after a six-year battle with cancer. Although Mr. Down had been a Greenbelt resident for only three years he made many friends through the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. He also enjoyed his Friday discussion group and playing billiards with his friends.

Mr. Down was born in Pulaski,

Va., on February 6, 1917. A combat veteran in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, he received two awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle.

Mr. Down retired a number of years ago from the federal government and in recent years lived in Adelphi. After his first wife Dorothe died, he attended a Food and Friendship luncheon in Greenbelt where he met Betty, his wife of three years.

He is survived by his wife Betty, son James Down III; daughter, Bonnie Down; stepson Barry Petroff; stepdaughter Judy Joy; grandchildren James Down IV and John C. Down; and step-grandson Daniel Petroff.

Seniors Offered Tax Assistance

The Senior Income Tax Program is providing free tax assistance to seniors 55 and above on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library. These sessions will continue through the tax season.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 301-541-5031.

Good Friday Concert At Riverdale Church

A free musical program, Meditation for Good Friday, will be held Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road in University Park. The program features music from Cantata Nos. 4, 12 and 150 by J. S. Bach, with soloists Angela Powell, Barbara Hollinshead and Darrell Parsons with orchestra and chorus. For information call 301-927-0477.

Deadline for Easter Advertising is Tues., April 6 at 9 p.m.

Baha'i Faith

Devotional Gathering
Friday April 9, 6:30PM
With potluck dinner – public welcome
call 301-474-6749 for directions

Classes for Children & Adults, including interfaith devotions, Sunday, April 4 at 10 AM
Springhill Lake Elementary School

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org



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Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

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www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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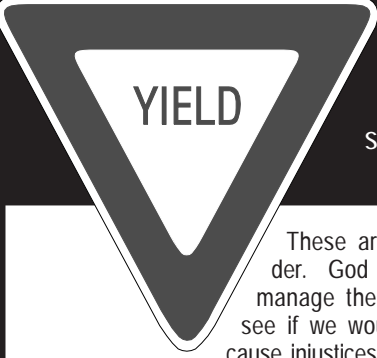


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April 4	Palm Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship
April 8	Maundy Thursday 12:15 Worship with Holy Communion
April 8	Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Seder Observance with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
April 9	Good Friday 12:15 p.m. Passion Observance
April 9	Good Friday 7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness, St. Matthew Passion
April 10	Great Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.
April 11	Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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– The Holy Qur'an, 40:17

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

Ethel Fisher

Ethel Fisher, 92, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the Center for Extended Care in Amherst, Mass. Daughter of the late Isadore and Lena Zubkoff of Buffalo, N.Y., she and her husband David Fisher had moved to Amherst from this area in 2000. The Fishers came to Greenbelt in 1941 and resided here for 30 years, until 1971 when David retired from NASA after more than 30 years of government service. While in Greenbelt they were both



MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
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Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

Handicapped Accessible
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm


Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
April 4, Passion/Palm Sunday
Sermon: "In the Face of Adversaries"
April 8, 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday
April 9, 7:30 pm Good Friday
April 10, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

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with Ben Farrow and Julie Watson,
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Jaco B. ten Hove,
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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building



City Information

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

**Proposed Settlement Agreement with Metroland
April 7, 2004 – 8 p.m.**

Municipal Building-City Council Room

At its regular meeting on March 29, the City Council discussed a draft agreement with the Metroland developers that would enable the City to withdraw its appeals on the approvals of the conceptual site plans and a preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station by the Prince George’s County District Council and Planning Board. The draft agreement is limited to the issues raised in the appeals, and its execution would have no implications for the City’s ability to raise other issues regarding the development in the future. In order to give additional time for public review and discussion, Council deferred a decision on the agreement to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 8 p.m. in the City Council Room. Copies of the draft agreement are available in the City Manager’s Office. The document is also available in .pdf format on the City’s Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. For additional information, call the City Offices at 301-474-8000. Meeting will be cablecast live on Channel 71.

An Artful Afternoon

**Sunday, April 4 from 1-5pm at the
Greenbelt Community Center**

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.
1-3pm CLAY WORKSHOP with Marla McLean. Create ceramic elements for inclusion in a Community Center mural.
2-4pm ART EXHIBITS include a Community Center instructors exhibit including tapestries, ceramics, photography, clothing design, beadwork and more. And the Greenbelt Museum exhibit “Izzy! The Editorial Cartoons of Isadore Parker”

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information contact John Norden, Arts Assistant at 301-397-2208.

MEETINGS FOR April 5-10

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00pm, Arts Advisory Board, Community Center, Art Gallery.
Wednesday, April 7, 8:00pm, Special Meeting of City Council-Proposed Settlement Agreement with Metroland, Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71)
Thursday, April 8, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session – Planning and Community Development/Capital Projects, Community Center.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

LIFEGUARD CLASSES
The GAFC will be holding a Lifeguarding Class from April 5th through the 24th on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-9:30pm and Saturday from 11am-6pm There will be a mandatory pre-test on Monday, April 5th from 8-9:30pm. Cost is \$125.00. Registration begins February 23rd. To register or for more information call 301-397-2204.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

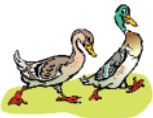
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Advisory Committee on Education
Park & Recreation Advisory Board
Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Join the City of Greenbelt fundraiser for the Prince Georges County 2 mile walk - Sunday, April 25th in Upper Marlboro and/or donate knowing that the money you raise helps save premature babies - Pick up your official registration to walk or drop off donations at the following Greenbelt City locations:
Community Center Information Office, City Personnel Office or Greenbelt Police Department.
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 16, 2004

LAKE PARK CLEANUP

Part of the 16th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup



**SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd
9AM – NOON**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.

**Or..You can join in on the cleanup of
SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM
Which will be going on at the same time!
Meet behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center.**

- Bring your work gloves.
- Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes.

Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms.



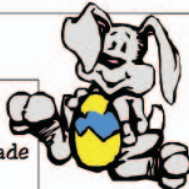
**For more information, call the Public Works
Office at 301-474-8004.**

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL EGG HUNT



Bring your baskets and find the colorful eggs that the Bunny and his Helpers have hidden. They have hidden many eggs, including some very special Golden Eggs that include prizes. Immediately following the hunt join us for the free performance presented by

WHEN: Monday, April 12, 2004
WHERE: Buddy Attick Lake Park
WHO: Children from 18 months thru 6th Grade
TIME: 10:00 SHARP!!!!!!



In case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-5525

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200



GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Wednesday, April 7 at 8pm: Special Council Meeting “live” Thursday, April 8: 7pm “Replay of Special Council Meeting”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Tuesday & Friday, April 6 & 9: 7pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents “Marvin’s Room”, 9:15pm “GATE Annual Meeting 2004”

Greenbelt Recreation Department 25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-397-2200

Greenbelt Basketball Camp

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department



Learn Basketball skills, play games and have fun.

Where: Greenbelt Youth Center Gym

Activity # 337596-1

Who/When: **8–10 Year olds**
May 4 thru June 22 every Tuesday
6:30pm–8:30pm

Activity # 337596-2

11–13 Year olds
May 6 thru June 24 every Thursday
6:30pm–8:30pm

Fee: \$25 - Includes a reversible mesh jersey & pizza party

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 16.

A Greenbelt Recreation Department registration form must be completed and turned in with payment to the Recreation Department Business Office to be completely registered. Registration will be cut off at 16 participants per age group.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S

CELEBRATION OF SPRING



**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004
11:00AM TO 3:00PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER**



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INFORMATION TABLES AND FLYERS FROM SEVERAL GREENBELT ORGANIZATIONS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 301-397-2200

BE SURE TO SAVE TIME TO CHECK OUT THE EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE ALSO HAPPENING IN GREENBELT AT BUDDY ATTICK PARK. CALL 301-474-8004 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS.

APRIL 2004						
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Chef's Fresh Beef Boneless Bottom Roast \$1²⁹ lb.	Chef's Fresh Pork Boneless Center Cut Loin Roast \$2²⁹ lb.
Fresh Shank-or-Sirloin Lamb Leg Roast Portion \$3⁴⁹ lb.	Fresh Veal Breasts \$1²⁹ lb.
Fresh 85% Lean Ground Turkey \$1⁴⁹ lb.	Shurfine Frozen Self Basting Turkey Breasts 99¢ lb.
Shurfine Smoked Low Salt Center Cut Ham Slices \$2⁶⁹ lb.	Chef's Fresh Beef Bone-In Rib Roast \$2²⁹ lb.

DAIRY	DELI
Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice 2/\$5 ⁰⁰ 59-64 oz.	Hatfield Cooked Ham Water Added \$2²⁹ lb.
Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese 99¢ 8 oz. Box Regular-or-1/3 Less Fat	Hatfield Cooked Salami \$2³⁹ lb.
Land-O-Lakes Pure Butter Quarters 2/\$6 ⁰⁰ 1 lb.	Deli Gourmet Mozzarella Cheese \$3²⁹ lb.
Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese 2/\$4 ⁰⁰ 10 oz.	Cooper C.V. Sharp Cheese \$4²⁹ lb.

BAKERY	SEAFOOD
Delicious 10" Pies Apple-Custard \$4²⁹ Each	Icelandic Frozen All Natural Cod Fillets \$5²⁹ lb.
Bakery Fresh Hot Cross Buns 6/\$1 ²⁹	U.S.D.C. 43-50 Count Medium Shrimp \$3²⁹ lb.
Fresh Baked Challah Bread \$2⁷⁹ Loaf	Viking Frozen Breaded Flounder Fillets \$5²⁹ lb.

GROCERY BARGAINS	
Gold Medal Flour All Purpose-or-Unbleached 99¢ 5 lb.	Stove Top Stuffing Mixes Assorted 6 oz. 99¢
Tide Value Size Laundry Detergent Liquid-Powder 81-100 oz. \$5²⁹	Domino Granulated Sugar 5 lb. \$1²⁹
Peter Pan Peanut Butter Assorted 18 oz. 2/\$3 ⁰⁰	Kraft Miracle Whip Regular-Light 32 oz. \$1²⁹
Folger's Caffeinated Coffee Assorted 11.5-13 oz. 2/\$3 ⁰⁰	Green Giant Vegetables Selected Varieties 14.5-15 oz. 5/\$2 ⁰⁰
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POLICE BLOTTER

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Handgun

Beltway Plaza Mall, March 24, 8:30 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation; a computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. Located in the vehicle was a semi-automatic handgun. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

School Disruption

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 19, 12:39 p.m., a resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities after he was ordered by a teacher to leave a classroom where he was disrupting instruction. The youth refused to leave, then began using a cellular telephone. He was told a second time to leave and was arrested when he again refused. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a light blue 1992 Honda Accord 4-door, March 19 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a beige 1996 Ford Contour 4-door, Maryland tags HFX674, March 19, from the 400 block Ridge Road; a 1991 Lincoln Town Car, March 20, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered

March 23 by the Prince George’s County Police, no arrests; a black Lincoln Navigator, Delaware tags 77928, March 20, from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; a burgundy 1998 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Pennsylvania tags EGC4429, March 21, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a red 1990 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags KBA740, March 21, from the 6100 block Greenbelt Road; a red 1997 Buick Park Avenue 4-door, Maryland tags 81015HD, March 22, from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a 1988 Toyota Camry 4-door, March 23, from the 9100 block Edmonston Road, found abandoned the next day by the owner; a 1985 Pontiac Parissienne 4-door, Maryland tags FHG640, March 25, from the 7600 block Hanover Parkway; and a green 1992 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags 846ASM, March 25, from the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive.

Eight vehicles were recovered; two adult arrests were made in one of the recoveries. One stolen tag was also recovered.

Vandalisms to, thefts from or attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (3 incidents), Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (2 incidents),

Police Sponsor Basket Bingo

Members of the Greenbelt Police Department will be co-sponsors of a Basket Bingo event to benefit the 2004 Maryland Special Olympics. The game will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 3 at the Glen Burnie Moose Lodge #1456, 1911 Crain Highway, Glen Burnie. The entire proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics. Doors will open to the public at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets sold prior to that date will be offered at a reduced price. For information call Chris Peters at 301-583-2334. For information about sponsoring a prize basket call George Mathews at 240-542-2116.

5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Court, unit block Lakeside Drive, Pinecrest Court, 45 Court Ridge Road (2 incidents), Forestway, Gardenway, 7500 block Greenbelt Road, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Hanover Parkway and 8000 block Craddock Road.

Other incidents noted by police for which information was not provided were: assault (2), shoplifting (1), theft (5) and vandalism (1).

The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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prioritized the list of possible theater projects as “strongly recommended,” “recommended” and “optional.” Sixteen separate projects were on the list.

Cited as number one was repair or replacement of the exit doors from the theater’s main auditorium. As theater operator Paul Sanchez stressed at meeting’s end, these doors are strongly affected by heat and humidity. “The panic hardware is shot,” he reported. He urged that the doors be attended to at once before summer temperatures arrive. Councilmember Edward Putens agreed. “We should do them immediately,” he said.

In reference to the fire safety issue of the interior wall shared with the dry cleaner’s, all is cinder block, according to Sanchez, “except for one small piece of wall and ceiling” in a filled-in and no longer used stairwell to a dressing room below the stage. “That is not fire proof,” he said. Except for that small area, the stage floor is concrete, he said, “with wood over top.”

Another strongly recommended item is an upgrade of emergency and exit lighting and auditorium aisle lighting and an upgrade of the fire alarm system, including smoke and heat detectors. These are among the four top-priority safety issues, councilmembers agreed.

All agreed also that the two restrooms need upgrading, with additional stalls and handicapped access. Whether the design should include a unisex facility

for handicap access in lieu of handicap access within the separate male and female restrooms was not decided at the meeting. Cohen said she would present designs at a future meeting to show both solutions. Such a meeting is scheduled tentatively for sometime in June.

HVAC System

According to Sanchez, some elements of the heating and air conditioning system are “generally okay.” The blower is 10 years old, he said, and heating is “pretty reliable.” The air conditioning system, however, dates from the early 1970s. The ductwork is original, Cohen said, and “beyond its useful life.” The original air return system no longer works effectively, she pointed out, since some of it was blocked when the Pleasant Touch facility was constructed below the stage.

Everyone agreed that the lobby area and the ticket booth in particular need repair.

Postponed

Three of the possible items for repair or replacement were deemed less urgent by those present and named for postponement until a later time. These were modifications to the existing exterior landings and concrete ramp from the auditorium doors, provision of a new sprinkler system and possible extension forward of the stage for possible use for performances other than movies.

Sanchez was especially concerned that the expensive movie

screen might be damaged by persons involved in such events. He commented that over the years he has received many compliments concerning both picture and sound quality of the Old Greenbelt Theatre from persons attending film showings here – in particular in comparison with the District’s Uptown Theatre.

Despite the nonhistorical presence of the current fabric covering for the auditorium walls, all agreed that for its acoustical effect it should be maintained. Further, as required by the lease with Pleasant Touch, which shares a water meter with the theater, separate metering can be accomplished with an internal meter to that facility.

Jazz Appreciation At Gildenhorn

Kick off Jazz Appreciation Month as Unified Jazz Ensemble brings its unique modern sound to College Park. Saxophonist Jeff Antoniuk leads a combo featuring bassist John Pineda, drummer Marty Morrison and Mike Noonan on vibes and trombone. This program is part of Take Five, an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts. This free event takes place Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

Sixth Graders Hold Mock Primary

by David Lange

On Monday, March 1 the sixth grade students in Beth Novick’s homeroom at Greenbelt Elementary School held a mock primary election. Al Sharpton won by a wide margin. The students had a homework assignment: Go home, do some research about the candidate you chose and write three reasons why that person is the best choice for a Democratic candidate this coming fall.

Here are some of the reasons the children gave for their choice:

Al Sharpton – He supports statehood for the District of Columbia. (Jordan McNair)

Al Sharpton – He grew up in a rough neighborhood which makes him determined to see young American citizens grow up in a good neighborhood. Also he cares about the minority problem in America. (Jaraad Padgett)

John Edwards – He has a great plan to make our schools better, provide teachers with a higher salary, stretch school hours through after-school programs and make our high schools better. He suggested a plan called College for Everyone. (Ashley Prescott)

John Edwards – He speaks out against racism. (Marcus Coker)

John Kerry – He has a good healthcare plan to keep kids in America safe and healthy. He plans to assure that 99 percent of all children have health coverage. One way he would do this is by having families complete a simple form and sending it to school. This would automatically enroll all kids in health care coverage. (Jacob Silver)

John Kerry – He wants to give the schools more money for education. (Carolyn Thompson)

Poulenc at Clarice

A free performance by UM’s own student-led chamber orchestra will be held Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Elsie & Marvin Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The program includes Poulenc’s virtuosic “Aubade” for piano and chamber orchestra. Presented by the University of Maryland School of Music, Rita Sloan is featured on piano with Richard Scerbo, music director.

Lab Theatre Play, Mature Offering

The student-produced play “Play Until Something Explodes” by Noelle D. Wilson will be presented at the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at UM, Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 4 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. This free play contains mature content.

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studies showed that the population in the areas of ERHS would level out around the end of the decade, whereas other areas would begin periods of greater population growth.

Hornsby said the main factor in his decision has been to ask the question “How are we going to spend this money and how will it benefit all of the kids in the county. Not one school vs. another. That’s not what this is all about.” Hornsby’s plan involves additions, the adjustment of boundaries and a new regional high school.

ACE and PTA members who attended the meeting were concerned that Roosevelt would lose funding due to these changes. Allen Elliot, vice president of Roosevelt’s PTA asked Hornsby if he looked at the “collateral damage in funding.” Elliot explained. “When you reduce the enrollment, you reduce the resources . . . and by doing so lose flexibility to offer programs.”

Programming

Hornsby answered that he had considered this and explained that the physical changes at county schools would be reflected in the program offerings. He said that he will be forced to “change how we have been teaching all students across the board” due to new state tests. Program changes, he claims, will have been in place for three years before any additional space is open.

Hornsby stressed that one “can’t equate enrollment with the Science and Tech programs,

which is an additional add-on at Roosevelt” in terms of both population and funding. There are 900 additional students at Roosevelt due to these programs. Hornsby explained that “we are right-sizing all of our schools and we need to be sure to have programmatic offerings at all schools.” When asked what was the goal for Roosevelt’s Science and Technology Program Hornsby said that he wanted to replicate it at other schools so that county students may all get “the same kind of product.”

Conyers

He said that Roosevelt will be right-sized in two to three years and this will result in the removal of the temporary structures. Eva Griffin asked that Dr. Conyers, Roosevelt’s principal, be allowed to speak. In the most heated exchange of the night, Hornsby refused to let Conyers speak. Hornsby said that it was not appropriate. Hornsby said that he would have invited the principal from DuVal if he had been informed of Conyers’ presence. Moments later, however, Hornsby relented and Dr. Conyers spoke.

Open Channels?

Conyers was confident that “whatever changes, we will figure out a way to meet the challenge. When a student comes to ERHS, I need to make each student a better person. I never complained about overcrowding. I didn’t want to tell a student, ‘we could help you, but we’re too big. Go home.’” He concluded saying, “We will make the adjustments we need to, but

we will put young people first.”

Those in attendance were not only concerned about the changes themselves. They were equally concerned about the way in which Hornsby announced the recommendation without first consulting the community that his decision will affect. One of the goals of the meeting was to open better channels of communication. Many in attendance expressed agreement with Elliot when he said that he was not against the changes themselves, but that he wanted the community to be consulted or at least informed about such decisions.

Hornsby said that in August he invited every mayor in the county to a meeting and asked them all to contact him with any questions. He stressed the fact that it is “not a city school system, but a county one.” Hornsby was accompanied by appointed members of the school board, to whom he is answerable. He pledged to work harder to make sure that municipalities are “in the loop.”

The recommendation to build the additions at DuVal was announced in a February 24 letter to Councilman Douglas Peters. Peters attended the meeting. He pointed out that elected council members are responsible to their constituencies in a way that the appointed school board is not. He said that the county council has not had debate and discussion about this issue. “Yes,” Peters concluded. “There is still time for your input.”

Conservation Corps Offers Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will host a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at the Refuge this summer. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women from all segments of society who work, earn and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects. The program is open to young men and women ages 15 through 18 who are citizens or legal residents of the United States. Enrollees work full time for eight weeks and earn minimum wage. The program runs from June 28 through August 20.

Previous work projects on the Refuge have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. Participants also take part in educational programs and receive training in first aid and CPR.

Applications are available at the National Wildlife Visitor Center or Patuxent’s North Tract Contact Station, or by calling 301-497-5950. Also, information about the YCC and an application can be downloaded by visiting <http://patuxent.fws.gov/> and following the YCC links. Applications are due by April 15 and should be mailed to: YCC Coordinator, Patuxent Research Refuge, 12311 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, MD 20708. Applicants will be selected on a random basis and will be notified of selection.

New Program Helps Backyard Wildlife

The Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel is kicking off a new set of programs entitled the “Backyard Refuge Series.” These interpretive and hands-on programs are designed to help people learn what they can do in their backyards to help wildlife. The programs are designed to provide for the participants one of the following: bird nesting box, butterfly plants and a bird feeder. Participants will also take home a refuge manager’s handbook with instructions on how to manage their new “refuge.” Donations to the Friends of Patuxent are requested to offset the cost of materials.

The first program, “Bird Nest Boxes,” will be held on April 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Later programs will be held in June and October.

The Patuxent Research Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System of over 540 national wildlife refuges throughout the country. Patuxent is trying to help the refuge system protect more land in the Washington metropolitan area by encouraging people to turn their backyards into wildlife refuges.

The Patuxent Research “Backyard Refuge Series” will be held at the North Tract entrance to the Refuge located off Rt. 198, between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32. Registration a month in advance is required for these programs. To register, call 301-497-5887. Call 301-497-5763 for any special needs or accommodations at least two weeks prior to the program.



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Changing a smile can change a life. The idea was presented last month at a conference in Utah by Becden Laboratory, a nationally known dental lab that specializes in cosmetic porcelain veneers and crowns. Becden has assisted the McCarl Dental Group in many cosmetic cases over the years.

The three Doctors McCarl will accept requests until May 1 before selecting the patient. The treatment will only take a few weeks to finish. Smile makeovers can frequently cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000. The patient must be an adult in good health, live in the surrounding area, have no underlying dental or medical problem that would make cosmetic work inappropriate and be willing to have their name and “before and after” photos published.

Interested parties should submit a smile photo clearly showing their front teeth, name and address, phone and a brief description of themselves by mail to the McCarl Dental Group, 28 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Due to the anticipated volume of requests, applications cannot be taken over the phone. Applicants will receive notification that the letter and photo were received but the photos will not be returned. A photo of the person selected will be published in the Greenbelt News Review.

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Observatory to Be Built Under Pending Agreement

by Al Geiger

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the Greenbelt Astronomy Club is awaiting formal approval by the Greenbelt City Council. The MOU concerns a 10-1/2 foot steel observatory dome owned by the Astronomy Club and currently stored at the city maintenance yard. The club members plan to install the dome near the Northway ball field on city-owned land. They also own a 14-inch reflecting telescope to be installed within the dome. The MOU covers ownership and use of the observatory.

According to Community Planner Kristen Ward, the estimated cost of the project is \$30,000, of which the city has agreed to contribute \$10,000 and

the club will contribute \$20,000. Although all costs above \$30,000 will be the responsibility of the club, the city has agreed to advance the extra needed funds after a repayment plan has been worked out. A preliminary estimate from NZI Construction was for \$28,748.75.

The Astronomy Club has between 30 and 40 dues-paying members, according to club president Matt Elliott. They hold bi-monthly "star parties" to which the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Elliott says that one of the main purposes of the club is public education.

(Photos below were provided by Matthew Elliott, Ed Abel, John Settle and/or Doug Love.)



The dome was originally atop the Campus Tower at Montgomery College in Rockville. It had to be removed to accommodate building repairs to the building's roof and HVAC system and hence, needed a good home. Members of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club were happy to accommodate.

At right, Doug Love works to secure the observatory dome as the team prepares for transport. The trek from Rockville to Greenbelt was quite a task. The 10 1/2 foot steel dome is currently stored at the city maintenance yard. With the help of funding from the city, the dome will be permanently located near the Northway ball field on city-owned land. A 14-inch reflecting telescope owned by the Club is also scheduled to be installed within the dome.



The contractor that was in charge of the building repair project assisted in the efforts to relocate the dome.

New Schools Added To Educational List

Additions to providers approved to offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for school systems in Maryland have been announced by the state. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) allows the use of federal Title I funds by income-eligible students attending schools in the second year of school improvement to obtain supplemental educational services of their choice. Students and parents must select from a list of public or private providers approved by the state education agency.

There are now 29 qualified providers on Maryland's list. The following companies have been added to the list of qualified providers: Bell; Camelot Learning; Failure Free Reading; Foundations, Inc.; G. B. Thomas, Sr., Learning Center; GapBuster Learning Academy, Inc.; Johns Hopkins; Living Classrooms; Montgomery County public schools; Parks and People; Platform Learning; Plato Learning; Prince George's County public schools; and the YMCA of Central Maryland.

Another list will be released in May. Maryland State Department of Education will continue to identify and approve additional providers. Students at 82 schools in Maryland are currently eligible to receive SES, depending upon family income levels.

For more information about parent options under NCLB, call Jane Fleming at 410-767-0642 or email jfleming@msde.state.md.us.

Talented and Gifted Summer Centers Set

The Maryland State Department of Education recently announced the schedule of upcoming Maryland Summer Centers for students entering grades 3 through 12. The 20 Summer Center programs offer unique instructional experiences for students who are gifted and talented and give students the opportunity to work in settings and with resources not available during the regular school year.

Centers are located throughout the state and offer one- or two-week residential and non-residential programs with a focus on the arts, sciences, mathematics, technology, creative writing, government and history. Activities are designed to encourage critical thinking, creativity and problem solving while challenging students academically.

Tuition is charged for these programs but a limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. Brochures and application forms are available from schools and local gifted and talented education coordinators.

Information and an application form may also be found on the website of the Maryland State Department of Education at www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters. Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, April 15, except for Fine Arts Centers, which have earlier deadlines and may require an audition.

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Herling said how important it is that transportation in Greenbelt Station interface with that of the surrounding areas, including Metro and MARC and that a regional approach be taken. Councilmember Leta Mach asked about accommodations for pedestrians and bikers and was told that there were hiker/biker paths in the plan.

Under the agreement, Metroland Development will fund improvements at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive and \$10 million for construction of a beltway interchange and contribute about \$5 million in right-of-way to the interchange construction. This provision raised questions and the ire of Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who said that a cardinal principle in the opposition to this plan was the spending of public funds for private benefit. He questioned whether the developer's proposed contributions were sufficient to eliminate or mitigate this concern.

Patricia Blankenship, speaking as chairwoman of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), agreed. She said that the estimated cost of an interchange is over \$50 million. Metroland Development did offer other funds to the city, including \$900,000 for public recreation facilities.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the agreement is that the developer grants the city approval of the site and landscape plans. Councilmember Edward Putens said, "This is essential." Everyone agreed that the devil is in the details – or in the site plan – and the city must have the right to approve or disapprove. Manzi added that such approval authority over the site plan would not be granted by the court and that only through an agreement could the city secure this right.

Opposition, Concerns

Former Councilmember Thomas White, speaking from the audience, had a number of concerns. He said, "It isn't there yet." He felt that not all of the city's concerns had been addressed adequately and that the language needed tightening to ensure that it did not preclude the city's taking action to oppose other aspects of the development.

Manzi reviewed a few of the provisions White identified. He felt that they were in the city's interest but agreed that the lan-

guage could be reviewed again and perhaps tightened.

Blankenship of CCIRC spoke on behalf of the salamanders. CCIRC supports the restoration of the current wetlands and described an adverse environmental impact of the proposed development, even as modified in this agreement. Craze thought that the salamander migration and breeding patterns could be studied and that critter crossing might be constructed so that they could "slither along" as needed.

Mayor Davis was concerned that College Park and Berwyn Heights would be informed and involved and the developer assured her that this would be the case. Davis said that this project has to make sense for the whole area. She also thought that this agreement owed much to Greenbelt, since it incorporated and addressed many of the concerns and issues the city had raised. She said, "This is a better plan because you have worked with Greenbelt."

Parking, the influx of cars to the area and air pollution were concerns raised by both the council and the audience. There was disagreement as to whether this was a Transit Oriented Development, which calls for careful and appropriate land use around existing transportation systems, or whether it was a more opportunistic venture, simply taking advantage of the Metro and the land available for development around it.

Kap Kapistan representing Beltway Plaza spoke of the interest in having more upscale retail come to this area. He did not think, however, that the Metroland plans in place would guarantee that. He urged more time for deliberation and indicated that he would submit additional questions and concerns for the record. He said that Beltway Plaza had always been there for Greenbelt and he wanted to make sure that a new development would not destroy the retail and residential balance.

Further Action

Council recognized the need for quick action. The developer urged a decision as soon as feasible. Roberts wanted the maximum amount of time for citizen input but the majority of council agreed to schedule a special meeting at the next available date. A meeting will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Council Chamber.

Exchange Students Need Host Homes

World Heritage Student Exchange Programs announces its participation in a new program, Partnership for Learning Youth Exchange (YES), sponsored by the State Department. This global initiative provides scholarships to high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations to spend an academic year in the U.S. while living with American host families. This historic program seeks to build on the values in common with Muslim societies as it strengthens voices of moderation and reinforces the U.S. commitment to education and opportunity.

The YES program fosters communication between people of the United States and the partner countries in the interest of promoting mutual understanding and respect. World Heritage is

currently seeking qualified host families to welcome these special students coming from Gaza, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Pakistan, the West Bank and Yemen. By living with local host families and attending the local high schools, YES scholarship students will acquire an understanding of American values, build on leadership skills and learn about the important elements of American civil society. Upon returning home, YES scholarship students will work together to share what they have learned while in America and make a difference in their home countries.

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Meat-Lovers Converge On Greenbelt Co-op

by Marat Moore

It was March madness for meat-eaters at the Greenbelt Co-op on March 25, when shoppers zipped their carts to the rear meat counter to load up on pork, chicken, beef and fish – buying a total of 3.8 tons, according to Co-op’s meat manager Victor McEntee. McEntee said that the Co-op brought in

three extra butchers to join the regular crew who cut meat for 12 hours, resulting in sales that were 10 times the Thursday norm. After a one-year absence of the well-loved meat sale, shoppers celebrated and flocked to the store throughout the day, with the busiest times being the morning and after work.



Meat Manager Victor McEntee wheeled out ribs and roasts to keep the counter stocked.



One particularly nice-looking pork roast prompted a friendly tug-of-war between News Review staffers Alice Murray, left, and Pat McCoy. But everybody left happy – especially former Co-op employee Raymond Kerns, who decided to stop buying when his cart was full (pictured below).



PHOTOS BY MARAT MOORE

Kids and Adults Can Go Wild At Watkins Nature Center

by Agnes Conaty

Spring indeed has sprung and nature unravels its wonders before our eyes. I waited in giddy anticipation for that first blossom of crocus or daffodil. Robins arrived quite early in March around the Greenbelt Lake and I welcomed them with delight. There is a nature haven just down Route 193, going east along Greenbelt Road. Within 15 or 20 minutes from home, Greenbelters have an easy getaway for the entire family at Watkins Nature Center.

Located along scenic Watkins Park Drive, Watkins Nature Center has 10 trails that range from easy to challenging. For families with children in strollers, the Playground Path is perfect, covering 1/8 mile and about five minutes from the nature center. Another easy hike with flat terrain and a quarter of a mile distance and about eight minutes from the nature center is the Woodland Trail.

For those who seek greater adventure, Farm Trail and Upland Trail offer 20 minutes of hiking fun. Train lovers will like the trek to the Farm Trail, which cuts across miniature train tracks and gives access to Old Maryland Farm. At the same distance of two-thirds mile, Upland Trail has a ridge view above a sparkling stream.

The six other trails are for those with aerobic endurance for 45 minutes to three hours of hiking with distances exceeding a mile to five miles.

Weekends at Watkins Nature Center promise a lot of family fun. There is a once-a-month Friday Evening Hike to search for beavers, frogs and other nocturnal creatures. There are monthly Saturday morning Family Discovery Hikes guided by the nature center naturalist or crafts, a puppet show and a featured live animal show for toddlers. There are also monthly Saturday evening Family Campfires where families gather around a bonfire with marshmallow sticks. There is a monthly Sunday afternoon Wildlife Cinema where plants and animals are featured on video.

Inside the Watkins Nature Center, you can pretend to be a paleontologist looking at fossils and studying dinosaurs or a



PHOTOS BY AGNES CONATY

Agnes Conaty dons a paleontologist hat before a fossil dig inside the Watkins Nature Center.

naturalist observing some barn owls, hawks, falcons, turtles, frogs and snakes. You can also look at some visiting birds through binoculars. Spring is a time for adventure and to explore the unknown. At Watkins Nature Center, you have a whole lot of wild things to discover.

Programs require reservations and charge small fees. Watkins Nature Center is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more information call 301-218-6702 or visit the park's website on-line at <http://www.pgparcs.com>.



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Budget Schedule

Council has scheduled the following work sessions and meetings on the proposed city budget. All meetings are at the Municipal Building and will begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Planning, Community Development, Capital Projects - CC	Thur., 4/08
Public Safety - CC	Wed., 4/14
Social Services, Miscellaneous, Other	Mon., 4/19
Recreation - CC, 7:30 p.m.	Wed., 4/21
Public Hearing at Regular Meeting	Mon., 4/26
Public Works - CC	Wed., 4/28
Fraternal Order of Police	Mon., 5/03
Contribution Groups - CC, 7:30 p.m.	Wed., 5/05
Green Ridge House - GRH, 7:30 p.m.	Wed., 5/12
Final Budget Worksession	Mon., 5/19
Second Public Hearing at Regular Meeting	Mon., 5/24
Budget Adoption at Regular Meeting	Mon., 6/07

(CC - Community Center, GRH - Green Ridge House)

If council approves McLaughlin’s recommendation the city tax rate will be increased for the ninth consecutive year.

Revenues

In past years tax rate increases have been justified on the basis that property values have not increased enough to keep up with inflationary pressures upon city costs. This year that is not the case as McLaughlin is proposing only a 4.1 percent increase in city expenses. He is not proposing any increase in services or added personnel. However, property tax revenues, while the city’s biggest revenue source, make up only 55 percent of the city’s overall revenues. Other revenues, most of which are beyond the city’s control to raise or lower, have not increased as rapidly and the city has lost some grant funding. Highway user revenues, derived from the state-levied gasoline tax and other sources, is forecast to be \$150,000 less in the new fiscal year. Last year, the budget was balanced, in part, by using \$100,000 of the city’s surplus. McLaughlin does not believe those reserves, which are monies set aside for a rainy day emergency, are sufficient to be used again. As a result total revenues for the new fiscal year are expected to increase only 3.9 percent.

The failure of city revenues to keep up with necessary increases in city costs is called a structural problem by McLaughlin. With slow economic growth and greater fiscal problems at the state and federal level, there does not seem to be a solution to the city’s dilemma.

Expenditures

McLaughlin told the council that his budget generally funds existing services with a few reductions in service. No new personnel are proposed, though added personnel could be used

in every area, he says. He has found few cost savings as a majority of city costs are fixed and cost of programs have already been trimmed in past years. While the number of full time or equivalent part time employees is down by 2.1, that is the result of personnel authorized last year to be funded by grants not being funded. Since the city is primarily a service provider, 67 percent of its budget costs are for salaries and employee benefits. McLaughlin is proposing a 2.5 percent cost of living pay adjustment and up to three percent for performance pay, but is reducing the city’s leave buy-back program benefits to save \$40,000. Other cuts proposed in the budget are reducing the amount of fund transfers for capital programs by \$100,000, an amount that was funded last year out of the city’s surplus reserves, not funding the ACE Reading Club (\$13,000 savings), eliminating one Zipcar (at the city offices, \$10,000), cutting out a previously proposed \$10,000 contribution in support of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Challenge Grant and eliminating one red light camera for a cost savings of \$20,000.

The one-cent tax rate increase is to fund a relatively new city program; Greenbelt Assistance in Living, a program he terms as successful to assist the elderly to remain in their homes when special needs arise. This program had been initially funded by a three-year grant, which will now be running out. While the city is seeking other grant monies, there is no assurance that it will succeed. McLaughlin was not able to absorb the added cost of this program as part of established city services without making a cut in some other city service.

“Ambush Makeover” Captures Victim at Atlanta Bread Company

by Dea Zugby

The Atlanta Bread Company in Greenbelt is always busy on early morning workdays and Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 a.m. was the same; lines had already formed for takeout service and a number of people were eating breakfast at tables and booths.

However, this morning was different. A crew of nine people was setting up for something big: cameramen, script writer, associate producer, field producer, makeup designers and stylists and the host of a nationally syndicated daytime television show. Additionally, Arnold Belasco, owner of the cafe-bakery, was allowing people to set up a gourmet coffee tasting test.

What was going on?

In an interview with William Whatley, the host of “Ambush Makeover,” I learned that the newest target of the “Ambush Makeover” would be arriving within the hour, a local young lady who had no clue she was being targeted.

According to Whatley, “Ambush Makeover” is unlike other “Extreme Makeover” shows that provide nose jobs, liposuction, breast augmentation, tummy tucks and weight loss programs to the targets of their shows. With “Ambush,” they select individuals with the most potential and develop that potential by designing a special hairstyle, dress and shoes for the chosen person. Whatley said, “I feel it’s a good makeover story – a mixture of ‘Fear Factor’ and ‘The Amazing Race.’”

“Sixty percent of ‘Ambush Makeover’ targets are selected from the street by staff; the other 40 percent are set up by family or friends who send in emails, letters, videos and pictures of or about an individual,” said Whatley.

The target of the Greenbelt “Ambush Makeover” was MacKenzie Stevens, 23, of Glenn Dale. Stevens was born in Alexandria, Va. and moved to Prince George’s County at age five. She graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1998. Last year she graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in computer science and works as a computer application support specialist at University College in College Park.

Stevens and her best friend, Ashy Palliparambil of Bowie, met as students in the science and technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1995. They were close friends throughout high school and college, working part-time jobs together at University College while both attended the university.

Palliparambil thought Stevens would be the perfect makeover because she had not changed her appearance since the two first met in school. A lot of people thought she was 12 years old. Palliparambil sent pictures of Stevens at age 12 along with a letter to “Ambush Makeover.” Several months later she was surprised to hear from them. Palliparambil needed to “set up” her friend (get her to the Atlanta Bread Company) around 8:30 a.m. This would be no problem because Stevens stops by there for breakfast daily enroute to work. But this time Palliparambil needed to be there, too, she in-



Jen Madden (left), Field Producer for Banyan Productions, speaks with celebrity host William Whatley of Fox TV's "Ambush Makeover" program. Whatley posed as an Atlanta Bread staffperson to surprise the show's latest makeover candidate.



Makeup artist and stylist Lezlee Bethea (left) skillfully brings out MacKenzie Stevens' inner diva.



Stevens (left) and her best friend Ashy Palliparambil take a quick break to pose together with Whatley. Palliparambil contacted "Ambush Makeover" to submit Steven's name for the show.

vented an excuse to hook up with her to make sure she arrived at the specified time.

When they arrived together they were approached by Whatley, the host of “Ambush Makeover,” who was wearing an Atlanta Bread Company apron and serving gourmet coffee to customers. He offered coffee to Stevens (dressed in blue jeans, pale pink shirt, black leather jacket and beige boots) and Palliparambil. Stevens, however, declined – she doesn’t drink coffee – and shortly thereafter learned she was the newest target of “Ambush Makeover.” Visibly shaken, she took a few minutes to recover from the shock and excitement of the moment.

For double measure Palliparambil had baked brownies for her friend just in case she might be mad at being set up.

Stevens was to be escorted to a salon, boutique and shoe store in Washington for her makeover. During the makeover, the staff at the beauty salon would not allow her access to a mirror and she became concerned about what they were doing to her hair.

Although she had worn her

hair the same way for years, she loved the transformation. Her shoulder length hair had been cut in layers (4 to 5 inches) and auburn and blond highlights had been added to her dark brown hair.

She was given three choices of attire (two-piece suits in size 2), all of which were too big on her. Stevens is a size 0! She saw an elegant pink dress in the boutique shop and was allowed to try it on. She loved it. Later that evening she was presented to her family, friends and co-workers at Bar Rouge in Washington with her new hairstyle, dressed in a lovely pink dress and Stella McCarthy designer shoes.

Stevens was back at work early the next morning with many memories of an incredible experience. The friendship between Stevens and Palliparambil is still intact. And her favorite brownies were delicious.

“Ambush Makeover” is a 30-minute daytime show, which can be viewed locally on Fox 5 (WTTG) Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. Stevens’ “Ambush Makeover” will be presented in September.



Condolences to Courtney Hardman, Barry Von Perkins and Larry Don Perkins on the death of their mother, Donna Jean Hardman who had been pianist at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church for 20 years.

Our sympathy to Betty Down on the death of her husband, Jim.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Ethel Fisher. She and her husband were founding members of the Jewish Community Center and also helped organize GHI.

We were sorry to hear of the death of William B. Yates, who taught for years at North End Elementary School.

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